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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETINGS IN BERLIN

SUMMARY: FRG BONN GROUP REPS HAVE REQUESTED ALLIED VIEWS ON THREE PROPOSED MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN BERLIN. ALTHOUGH THE MEETINGS WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AUTUMN, FRG REPS HAVE REQUESTED ALLIED REACTIONS BEFORE THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD. ALLIED REPS HAVE TAKEN AN INITIALLY RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROPOSED MEETINGS AS OUTLINED BY THE FRG, AND EMBASSY PROPOSES IN BONN GROUP MEETING WEEK OF JULY L3 TO SAY USG SEES NO OBJECTION TO THESE MEETINGS AND VISITS. END SUMMARY.

1. COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
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REFUGEES. FRG BONN GROUP REPS HAVE CIRCULATED

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMS FOR PROPOSED MEETING WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BERLIN NOVEMBER 11-13. THE PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNING MAYOR AND FOCUS ON SUCH TOPICS AS: RISING MEDICAL COSTS, PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL CHANGE, PROBLEMS FACING ELDERLY CITIZENS, ECONOMIC RECESSION, ETC. THE SPEAKER OF THE BUNDESTAG AND THE SENAT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE WOULD INCLUDE PARLIAMENTARIANS INTERESTED IN DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS, REPS OF RELEVANT NATIONAL MINISTRIES, REPS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS WHO AND THE OECD AND (REPS) FROM MAJOR TRADE UNION AND MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS. INVITATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE SENAT OR BY THE SENAT AND FRG.

2. HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THIS EC COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BERLIN IN SEPTEMBER AND WOULD INCLUDE VISIT TO THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (FEA). THE FRENCH REP HAD NO COMMENT; THE UK REP STATED THAT HE WOULD CABLE LONDON RE THE PROPOSAL. US REP NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED MEETING WOULD THROW TOGETHER TWO SENSITIVE ISSUES, I.E. VISIT TO THE FEA BY AN EC-RELATED ORGAN, AND REQUESTED INFORMATION RE OTHER EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEES WHICH HAD MADE SIMILAR VISITS TO BERLIN. THE FRG REP REPLIED THAT SUCH VISITS WERE ROUTINE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF SIMILAR VISITS TO BERLIN BY COMMITTEES OR GROUPS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: 1/28/72 VISIT OF WORKING GROUP ON INTERZONAL TRADE; 1/25/73 AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE; 2/26/73 PRESIDUM OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT; 12/5/73 WORKING GROUP ON INTERZONAL TRADE; 1/24/74 AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE; 3/25/74 MIXED PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON EC-TURKEY; 9/5/74 ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; 9/9/74 CHRISTIAN DEMOCARTIC FRAKTION. INVITATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE SENAT OR BY THE SENAT AND FRG.

3. PARTNERS IN PROGRESS EXHIBITION. EC COMMISSIONER
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FOR RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (CHEYSSON) WOULD OPEN THE EXHIBITION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25-29. ORGANIZERS ARE THE AUSSTELLUNG, MESSE, AND KONGRESS GMBH WHICH IS FINANCED 95 BY THE SENAT AND 5 BY THE BERLIN INDUSTRIE UND HANDELSKAMMER. INVITATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE SENAT TO PRIVATE BODIES EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE A GOVERNMENT HAS A STATE EXPORT ORGANIZATION. LAST YEAR 56 COUNTRIES

PARTICIPATED IN THE EXHIBITION; NO PARTICIPANTS CAME FROM THE EAST BLOC. IN FOLLOW-UP TRIPARTITE MEETING THE FRENCH REP TERMED THE EXHIBIT "ABSOLUTELY HARMLESS;" THE UK REP ADDED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT PRESS THE FRG TO DROP PLANS FOR THE EXHIBITION. US REP DOUBTED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONTROVERSIAL ONE FOR US.

4. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OR USBER FORESEE PROBLEMS RE THE PROPOSED MEETINGS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AT BONN GROUP MEETING JULY 16 US REP PLANS TO SAY USG HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE VISITS. HILLENBRAND

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